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1. REF A RECOMMENDED AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE WORK OF AC/225
(PANEL VIII) (REF B) DUE TO POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH
RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATCA (REF C).

2. AGENDA FOR ATCA FIRST PLENARY MEETING (REF D)
INDICATES THAT, AS AGENDA ITEM XI, A PRESENTATION WILL BE
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MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF PANEL VIII ADDRESSING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATO ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP TELE-COMMUNICATIONS PANEL (AC/225 (PANEL VII)).

3. THE MOST APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION IS TO DEFER DECISION ON THE TRANSFER OF WORK FROM PANEL VIII TO ATCA UNTIL AFTER ATCA ESTABLISHES ITS ORGANIZATION, CONDUCTS ITS FIRST MEETING, AND AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TAKES PLACE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GROUPS. BY DEVELOPING AN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION, DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND COMPETITION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. R UPCOMING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN LIBERALIZATION, CASEY EMPHASIZED THAT PROGRESS IN THE LIBERALIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE US TO ACHIEVE RECIPROCITY.

3. ROHR CITED STATISTICS (WHICH WE COUNTERED) PURPORTING TO SHOW RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF US AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE FEEDS SECTOR, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL. ADDITIONALLY, ROHR NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMON AGRIC. POLICY IN BRING-ING ABOUT REALIZATION OF THE EC AND IN DEFENSE OF THE POLICY QUESTIONED WHETHER AGRICULTURAL TRADE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED, HAD THE COMMUNITY ADOPTED A FORM OF INCOME SUPPORT IN LIEU OF PRICE GUARANTEES. ROHR AGREED THAT AGRICULTURE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PART OF THE UPCOMING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. ROHR STATED THAT WHILE THE LEVEL OF INCOME CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR EUROPEAN FARMERS WOULD BE FOR INTERLAN DETERMINATION I. E. NOT NEGOTIABLE, WE COULD RENEGOTIATE IN A NUMBER OF AREAS INCLUDING FOOD AID, BUFFER STOCKS, SUBSIDIES AND IMPORT QUOTAS INTO THE EC FOR US AGRICULTRUAL EXPORTS.

4. CASEY ACKNOWLEDGED THE GROWTH IN US SOYBEAN EXPORTS BUT POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAS BEEN PARTLY DUE TO THE LEVY SYSTEM WHICH HAD DISADVANTAGED US GRAIN SALES TO THE COMMUNITY. IN THE FUTURE THERE SHOULD BE AN EVOLUTION IN POLICY TOWARD LIBERALIZATION AND INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY MEAT, IN THE COMMUNITY. HE AGREED THAT THE INCOME LEVEL FOR GERMAN FARMERS IS A GERMAN AFFAIR AND THAT CHANGES ARE NOT TO BE EXPECTED OVERNIGHT. THERE SHOULD, HOWEVER, BE AN EVOLUTION OF THE CAP TO PERMIT INTER-NATIONAL SPECIALIZATION ALSO IN AGRICULTURE. CASEY ALSO CITED RECENT LIBERALIZING POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN US AGRICULTURE SUCH AS DISCONTINUING SUBSIDIES AND EXPANDING PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO MEET NEW DEMAND CONDITIONS.

5. ROHR INSISTED THAT THE GRAIN AND SOY BEAN QUESTIONS CANNOT BE DISCUSSED INDIVIDUALLY AND DEFENDED THIS POSITION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CONTENTION THAT REDUCED GRAIN PRICES WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT GRAIN PRODUCTION IN THE EC. IN GERMANY, GRAIN CAN BE PRODUCED AS RELATIVELY LOW COST BY PART-TIME FARMERS, BUT HE SEES NO PARTICULAR LIKELIHOOD FOR GRAIN-FED BEEF PRODUCTION IN GERMANY. ROHR STRESSED THAT HE EXPECTS THE DEMAND FOR FEEDGRAINS WORLD WIDE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND.

6. ROHR SUMMARIZED HIS POSITION AT THIS POINT BY AGAIN STATING THAT GERMANY WILL SUPPORT THE PREMISE THAT AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS THE FRG HAD DONE IN THE KENNEDY ROUND; HOWEVER, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED BY ALL THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE REQUIRED UNANIMITY IN THE EC. ROHR WELCOMED THE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS AND VIEW-POINTS AND SUGGESTED A CONTINUATION OF SUCH DIALOGUES IN FUTURE.
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